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COFFEE PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coffee plantation in Andhra Pradesh is giving excellent results, besides providing employment to local tribal communities of the Eastern Ghats, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b)&(c) A sizable tribal population of Eastern Ghat, Andhra Pradesh has switched over to coffee plantations from their conventional shifting cultivation. They are now in sustainable coffee farming which has improved their economic condition on one hand and improved the green cover and ecology of the area on the other. During the XIth Plan period, the Coffee Board has proposed various coffee developing activities in Andhra Pradesh for further growth of coffee cultivation there.